

LOGNOTE -- Operations Group -- 16 October 1986

[] RESTON AFS AUTODIN CAT III TEST -- I attended a meeting today at DCA offices at Tyson's Corner (Westgate) to discuss plans for AUTODIN Cat III tests planned for FBIS Reston. Also attending

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Cat III certification and test plans were reviewed and given tentative approval by DCA officers.

LEC's [] mentioned a "minor" snag. LEC has installed a AUTODIN test circuit at Plainfield and originally planned to install a DEC 8600 VAX to test the communications hardware and software and then have DCA do the CAT III certification at Plainfield in early February 1987. Following the CAT III test, the DEC 8600 VAX was to be "deinstalled" and shipped to Reston where it would be reinstalled (with KG-84 encryption devices) and quickly "recertified" by DCA in early April 1987.

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LEC's snag involved the decision to use DEC 8700 VAXs for the AFS Classified Segment. LEC decided to install a DEC 8700 VAX at Plainfield, do the CATIII test on the 8700, and then keep the same 8700 mainframe in place to begin building the AFS Classified Segment. LEC decided to install the 8600 VAX directly in Reston.

DCA said they would never agree to CAT III certify hardware and software that was not in the exact model and configuration planned for operational use. DCA suggested and LEC agreed that CAT III certification would take place at Reston on DEC 8600 VAX equipment. LEC warned that because the AUTODIN circuit was to be installed at Reston in January 1987, they probably would not have sufficient time to prepare for the CAT III test currently scheduled for 3-15 February 1987. LEC warned that the CAT III test might "slip" by a few weeks because of this change of venue. DCA said they could still support a change in the dates of the testing during February or March but that a firm decision should be made as soon as possible for scheduling purposes.

I do not know how this CAT III test slippage might affect AFS Unclassified IOC currently planned for 20-23 April 1987.

(cc: AC/Ops, C/DRD, C/WSS, C/Commo)